



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
February 4, 2019 – 7:00pm

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Steven Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Sheri Rainville, Stephen Bessette and Duane Leach

Public Present Robby Rodimer, Corey Parent

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager), Deb Woodward

Call to Order: S. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements/Additions:

Minutes: 1-21-19 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Randy, so approved, Budget Minutes, S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, so approved.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by Sheri, approved by the Board.

Public Comment None

Correspondence:

- Liquor License Renewal for Erica's American Diner, S. Bessette made the motion to accept the renewal, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.
- A letter was received from Christopher Viens of the Waterbury Selectboard and John Freitag of the Strafford Selectboard regarding a proposed gas tax. After reviewing the letter, S. Cormier and R.DeVine do not support the proposed tax. VLCT's Local Government Day is February 14th, if elected officials would like to attend.

State Senator Corey Parent: Corey was in this evening to update the board on topics going on in the State Office. Corey is on 2 committees, Natural Resource & Energy as well as the Education. Some of this evening's discussion covered: Act 46, (Schools Merging). There will be a vote on Tuesday February 5; Corey supports delaying this Act. Minimum Wage is a big priority to majority parties in Montpelier, Paid Family Leave, and the most pressing issue is the Abortion Bill. Corey has received many phone calls and emails regarding this and the Clean Water Bill with Natural Resources and funding. If anyone has questions for Corey, please feel free to contact him directly.

Appoint Acting Zoning Administrator: The Planning Commission had recommended Patricia McNall to this position. Sheri made the motion to accept the recommendation and appoint Patricia, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

104 Bridge: Brad attended the meeting last week in Georgia. VTrans plan is to have a full bridge replacement in 2020; this would include widening the lanes while staying in the State's Right of Way. Prior to construction the State is looking at a "smart light" hopefully, so it will read cars instead of being on a timed light change. During construction there will be a road detour. Shut down of the bridge is estimated at 45 days.

Town Manager updates:

- Verizon has delayed the proposed cell tower in Fairfax. This was a corporate decision that this project is not on the priority list at this time.
- Brad had a meeting with Bob Perry and Mike Casella from Casella Waste Systems. Casella is interested in extending our contract with them. They are discussing more ways to involve the community with possible medication take back days or clothes drop spots. Composting is mandated by the State for 2020, but a potential delay in the year seems possible.
- Anyone with additional trash, recycle, or with construction site waste can go to the Cambridge Transfer Station. Fees will apply.
- The Town Report should be finished up tomorrow, and will be sent out to print. This year's report will be dedicated in memory of Henry Raymond.
- Brian LaClair is doing a great job as our new Recreation Dept. Director. Discussion is already happening on how to improve events and the possibility of bringing fireworks back to town for the 4th of July.
- Thank you to the Fire Dept. for keeping the sidewalks cleaned when they can. The search for year round equipment is still on-going. Randy mentioned we should check into Safe Routes to School for possible grants.

Adjournment:

At 8:00 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears, Admin. Asst. to the Selectboard

Steven Cormier- Chair
Fairfax Selectboard

**** The recorded meeting is available through LCATV or the Town's website. ****